Water for irrigation and other purposes from Sardar Sarovar Project is being allocated by Sardar Sarovar Reservoir Regulation Committee (SSRRC) of Narmada Control Authority since March, 2007. On the basis of available live storages and requirements indicated by the Party States for irrigation and other purposes, SSRRC has allocated a total of 9850 Million Cubic Metre (MCM) of water since March, 2007 till March, 2009.

Special Allowances to Officers of NE Cadre

*479. SHRI LALHMING LIANA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional monetary incentive in the form of "Special Allowance for the officers belonging to the North East (NE) cadres of All India Services" is granted to the officers belonging to the NE cadres working in the North East Region (NER);

(b) if so, the reasons(s) for granting it only to the officers of the NE cadres working in the NER;

(c) whether Government proposes to give such benefit to All India Service officers of other State cadres and of organized Group 'A' services, who are posted or are on deputation to the NER;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(e) if not the reasons(s) therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special allowance to the officers belonging to the NE cadres of All India Services who are working in the North East region has been granted to help them tide over the difficult and challenging working environment faced by officers allotted to these State Cadres.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) With a view to attract and retain competent officers for service in the North East; a Special Duty Allowance is given, to officers of the All India Service belonging to other State Cadres and officers of other organized Group "A" services who are posted or working in the North East Region.

Agreement during the visit of US Secretary of State

*480.SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the topics on which bi-lateral agreements were signed between India and the United States of America when Secretary of State of the United States recently visited New Delhi; and

(b) the broad details in respect of each agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR) : (a) and (b) Two Agreements - Technology Safeguards Agreements (Space) and an Indo-